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Upliftment of Backward and Poor Sections
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated for the educational upliftment of the economically backward and poor people in the country;
(b) the total amount allocated under these schemes; and
(c) the criteria adopted for proper utilisation of funds allocated for such schemes?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) to (c) In order to help economically backward and poor people pursuing education, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) programme is being implemented in consultation and coordination with the States/UTs for universalization of elementary education for all children, including, Backward & Poor children, in the age group of 6-14 years. Under SSA incentives like free text-books, uniforms for eligible category of children and Mid-day-Meal in schools are also provided. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangthan provides for reservation of 25% seats in class-I at entry stage to the children belonging to SC/ST/OBC/non-creamy layers/EWS/BPL and differently abled children taken together.
The Central Government provides financial assistance to States/UTs for implementation of the provision of Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 through SSA programme. The central share is released in lump-sum to States and UTs as per existing funding pattern based on their approved outlay. During the Current Year 17777.62 crore (appx.) has been released so far.
Government has introduced scholarship programmes for students to supplement the cost of education. A list of Scholarship Programmes may be seen at Annexure. In addition, Government has introduced a scheme for Interest Subsidy on Education Loans to enable economically weaker section students for pursuing higher professional education. The National Mission on Education through Information and Communication Technology (ICT) has been launched with the objective of making best use of ICT with the purpose of identification and nurturing of talent and life-long learning as well as extending the education facility to a larger section of people.
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